

Some Company Closes Contract for Installation of Most Up-to-Date System to be Had

triumph in the way of electrical communication and it is at the present time all that human ingenuity has been able to conceive. The instruments in business houses and residences may be said to be intelligent mechanisms. The instrument has on it a revolving dial. The small holes in the dial are numbered from 0 to 9 and are held by the toll system. The patron wanting a number works the phone himself.

Say, for instance the number 365 is wanted. The one desiring to call 365 takes down the receiver, places it to his ear and then puts the index finger in the No. 3 hole and moves the dial to the left until the stop work checks it, likewise he repeats the operation on 6 and 5 and then he presses a button. The answer is given. If 365 is busy,

This improved, approved and modern system will not increase the rate. The automatic system, the clueless, wait-less, out-of-orderless, girlless telephonic business was introduced recently at Champaign. All kinds of people who have been urged in that town, but it is the majority of the people are delighted with the service, its rapidity and simplicity. The baseball fans hate it. The hello people who are the friends. They still continue to try to find out how the telephone without calling any party, a number who won the game in Chicago, the Trolley League standing and whether Bill Sikes was hurt much when this team ran off.

Good Bye, Hello Girl.

The automatic balks, when it comes to idle questions. The business men in Champaign like it but the good fellows

New Used in Chicago.
The automatic system is widely used at the present time. The Illinois Tunnel Company in Chicago is operating such a switch as will be used by the telephone company in Decatur. Eight thousand subscribers are on the system, the largest city in Illinois. The system is gaining popularity every day in Chicago and the number of phones of this character being put in is on the increase each day.

San Antonio, Cal. There was a manually operated exchange of 9,000 phones. The Home Telephone Company of that city changed the system to an automatic switch such as will be used in Decatur. During the past year the city of San Antonio, California has put in 12,000 automatic phones.

through the conduit from one manhole to another and to the end of this is attached a rope which follows the rod when the cable is pulled through the manhole. Changing the telephone wires is drawn on into the conduit. It is not a difficult operation at any time to remove a cable or a section of it for repairs, although this is seldom necessary.

D R Craig, constructing engineer for the Hawley & Chendic company is in charge of the work of putting in underground cables and is also engineer for the Home Telephone company. He will appear for the Home people in making the automatic exchange, although it is to be made by people who manufacture this equipment.

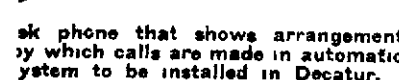
The new automatic exchange will be installed as early in the spring of 1908

Abraham Baker, who conducts a grocery and meat market in Springfield



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n's souls and the manufacturer of maids, will soon pass into history. The new automatic system can do everything the girl at the exchange could except to answer idle questions, tell where the fire is and give the baseball scores and then, if "Information" is disposed, she can do that.

An Intelligent Instrument.
The automatic telephone is the latest

**declares Art is One Thing
That Commercialism
Cannot Absorb**

New York, Sept. 26.—Theatricalists may own brick and mortar," said David Warfield, who is playing inside of the combination "but art will continue to stand alone it is the only thing that commercialism cannot absorb. The fact that doors of certain playhouses are barred doors does not prevent a play from being given in some other place of amusement for people who want to see a play will not pay away for the reason that it is billed for some particular theatre." Mr. Warfield, when asked as to the dictation of the dramatic critics that he will become successor to Mansfield, said "I have no such ambition on other hand it is my desire to have a successor. I much prefer that the better fellow imitates me." Mr. Warfield is rehearsing his new play, "Grand Army Man," preparatory to beginning the season in New York, Oct. 23. Subsequently the company will return to New York to play in the new Stuyvesant theatre undergoing the finishing touches.

**They Thought He'd Made His Little
Landed In a Creek.**

Franklin N. Sept 28.—Wagon Ka-
was is a rather handsome young
man. He took up a position as a
Hotel with the intention of mak-
ing of impressing the girls. Sec-
ing two good-looking girls came
he ogled them and thought he
made a hit when they smiled back
suddenly they seized him and he
he knew it. He was thrown into
the Creek, near by. Again and again
girls ducked him, and then a young
out, one held him firmly while the
administered a good spanking. A
crowd offered words of encourag-
ment.

William Vetter called the patrol
men and Kapuwa was bundled off
to the police station while the girls
went home.

A Valuable Flag Relic.
H. Holbert of Pekin has a valuable flag relic. It was used in the dental campaign of 1844 and contains the picture of Henry Clay. On the name "Clay" and Pillingbury who were the candidates at that time. It is believed to be one of the oldest campaign flags in existence.

Will Compete in Corn Show.
Wesley Schrantz of Stonington and H. Holbert of Edinburg have agreed to enter a corn of corn from the field which will be water in the big corn show in Chicago next week. C. Clarence Russell manager of the show, is a former Taylorville boy and now managing editor of the Judd Farmer, published in Chicago.

**It Will Work From Springfield Road
Northeast.**

The trenching machine which Contractor Thompson is to use on the Seventh ward sewer after two weeks on the road from Iowa has reached Decatur and is being set up at the point where the sewer will cross the Springfield road.

It is before the trencher from that point northeast a long stretch where there may be no interference from the causes common within the city limits—water pipes, etc. and if the soil is favorable the work may be pushed with good results along that portion of the sewer route. That is true of the line at the present point where the sewer will cross the right-of-way of that line of the VanDyke leading to Springfield—at VanDyke street.

Lay Patient—"I would like to show you a spot that I have between my shoulder blades only I don't like to" am going to the ball tomorrow evening.—Filegende Blatter

Father (angrily)—"There is hardly a person in the town that you don't owe money to, seems to me"
Student—"O yes ftaher There are at least two in this house"—Fliegende Blater

Wife (to her husband on his return) — "Only one glass of beer you said you wanted and now it's twelve"
He — "Oh, no, my dear, only eleven"
— *Meggendorfer Blatter.*

"WHAT WITCH?"
A Husband's Juestion.
When a man, from drinking coffee

gets to such a condition that he cannot
at breakfast without throwing it up
seems time to quit, but there are
hundreds of people who do not under-
stand that when an article of food or
drink produces such a result, it is
these things should be absolutely left off
A little woman out in Montana writes
that she and her husband knew enough
to quit coffee when it had tappered them
out of their strength. Her husband was so
badly affected that he ate no food regu-
larly for three or four years. He would
often try to drink a few sips of coffee
and invariably throw it up. When I was
in Western Montana, a Coffey was
brought to my attention. I tried it
without having any faith in it but
when I found what a delicious beverage
it was, when prepared according
to the directions, and from trying it on
myself found it was the best I had
ever. I induced husband to take a cup
telling him what it was. He
rejected it at first saying that he
would not be sure to throw it up, but when
he insisted

"Morning after morning I gave him Postum without telling him that it was very different from ordinary coffee. He soon recovered and he began eating breakfast. He asked me one morning to call for a second cup of that 'witch' had taught me to make such delicious coffee," and when I found some that would agree with him. Then I told him for the first time that he had not been drinking coffee but Postum, which had so strengthened his stomach that he could now eat meat and breakfast as any one else. My two sisters were so satisfied with stomach disorder but after learning of coffee and taking Postum they both recovered their appetites and took on considerable flesh. I wish everyone could be induced to use the health-giving, aromatic Postum." There's a

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